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HOUSE BILL 798

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 20, relative to governmental tort liability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-20-203, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all actions to recover damages for any deficiency in the design, planning, supervision, observation of construction, or construction of any improvement to any street, alley, sidewalk or highway, or trolley or light rail system, for injury to property, real or personal, arising out of any such deficiency, or for injury to the person or for wrongful death arising out of any such deficiency, must be brought against any governmental entity performing or furnishing the design, planning, supervision, observation of construction, or construction of the improvement within four (4) years after substantial completion of an improvement.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to injuries occurring on or after that date.